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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: B. Prieto

For: MESSAGE DISPLAY METHOD AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 11, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 11, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14, with the following paragraph:

The present invention also enables the display area to be reduced, for example, in a chat system, by providing a message display concentrating and independently displaying the contents of messages transmitted and received in one or a plurality of common communication fields designated by a user. The present invention also enables issuance of opinions to the common communication field, to which such issuance of opinions is easily made, by instructing the opinion displayed on the message display.

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